## **SUPPORT THE PRO BONO WORK** OF NC ATTORNEYS

Restore state funding for the Access to Civil Justice Act

North Carolina has 27,000 licensed attorneys who are each encouraged by their rules of professional responsibility to provide 50 hours of pro bono legal services to those unable to pay and to support legal aid financially. Legal aid is uniquely positioned to match these attorneys with unmet legal needs.

## THE ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE ACT

Provides funding to legal aid to conduct client screening, develop specialized pro bono programs, recruit attorneys, provide attorney training and mentoring and give additional support through the conclusion of a case.

2,700

the number of attorneys actively involved in pro bono cases through legal aid in 2015

27,283

the number of pro bono hours completed by attorneys working with legal aid in 2015

Attorney Matt Roberson represented "Kathy" to appeal a small claims decision that would have evicted her from her home and required her to pay more than \$2,000. Mr. Roberson challenged the court's decision based on the property owner's failure to make repairs in the rental home.



Mr. Roberson then worked with the property owners and the management company to settle the case, clearing the judgment against Kathy and awarding her payment of \$3,000 for the dangerous conditions in her home. Mr. Robertson notes that "personally and professionally this is the most satisfying PLS case that I have worked on."

8,834

the number of pro bono clients served by attorneys working with legal aid in 2015

**50+** 

the number of Pro Bono Week events held to recruit, train, and thank volunteer lawyers and law students in 2015

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